

REMARKS

As of the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 16, 18, 19, 23-26, 29, 35-38, 41-44, 47, 49, 51, 51-57, 59-64 and 66 were pending in the application.

In this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claims 29, 35-38, and 41-43 which were withdrawn from consideration as a non-elected group drawn to a medical device with gas circulation features. Applicants reserved the right to file a divisional application for such claims.

Further, Applicants have cancelled Claims 62 and 63. Although these claims have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a), Applicants are cancelling the claims such that a patent with the allowable claims can be granted and issued. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to these claims.

A timely Notice of Allowance is requested for Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 16, 18, 19, 23-26, 44, 47, 49, 51, 51-57, 59-61, 64 and 66.

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